

SB 487 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/24/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek, Robinson, Thomsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/17, 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to conduct study on instruction provided to talented and gifted children. Establishes parameters of study. Requires input from statewide organization that focuses on education of talented and gifted children in Oregon. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Talented and gifted (TAG) education in Oregon
- Need to improve education for students identified as TAG

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Requires input from statewide organization that focuses on education of talented and gifted children in Oregon. Extends deadline for report to September 15, 2022. Extends repeal date to December 31, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Current law defines talented and gifted (TAG) children as those requiring special educational programs or services beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their contribution to self and society who demonstrate outstanding ability or potential in one of several academic, creative, or leadership areas. School districts are required to submit a plan of instruction for TAG children, and may apply for state funds to provide TAG instruction. The legislatively adopted budget for the current biennium contained a carve-out from the State School Fund for \$175,000 to pay for administrative costs of the Oregon Department of Education related to TAG education, but no funding for grants to school districts has been allocated.

Senate Bill 487 A requires the Oregon Department of Education to study the education provided to TAG students.